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NOTIFICATION

G.O.(Ms.) No.120/2026/Home
S. R. O. No. 566/2026

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 11th June,2026
28th Idavam, 1201
21st Jyaishta, 1948.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 233 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Kerala, on the recommendation of the High Court of Kerala, is pleased to appoint the following candidates as District and Sessions Judges in the Kerala State Higher Judicial Service under Clause (c) of Rule 2 of the Kerala State

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Higher Judicial Services Rules, 1961. They were selected by Direct Recruitment for the vacancies in respect of Scheduled Caste candidates, in the selection pertaining to the year 2017 (REC NO. 22/2017).

The said appointments shall be deemed to have taken effect from 10th October, 2025, with entitlement to notional pay fixation and consequential increments. The inter se seniority of the said Officers vis-a-vis other Officers who may be affected by virtue of this order shall be determined by the High Court in due course.

Sl No	*Roll No*	*Name and Designation*	*Qualification*	*Date of Birth*	*Reservation Group*
1	7678	Smt. Sanitha M.C. Civil Judge (Junior Division) presently posted as Judicial Magistrate of the First Class-III, North Paravur	LL.B., LL.M	17/05/1977	SC
2	7770	Shri Unnikrishnan M.S. Civil Judge (Senior Division) presently posted as Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kollam	BA, LL.B	19/05/1981	SC

By order of the Governor,

BISHWANATH SINHA

Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Constitution Bench of the Honourable Supreme Court of India, in the Judgment dated 09th October, 2025 in Civil Appeal No 3947/2020 (Rejanish K.V v. K Deepa and ors), has settled the long-standing issue regarding the eligibility of in-service Judicial Officers for appointment as District Judges through the 25% Direct Recruitment quota. The Hon'ble Court has held that in service Judicial Officers with a combined

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experience of atleast seven years as an advocate and Judicial Officer are also eligible to compete for the post of District Judge under the said 25% quota, which was earlier considered to be limited only to Advocates having not less than seven years of practice at the Bar. The Judgment has only a prospective effect.

As per the above Judgment dated 09th October, 2025 and consequent Order dated 11th March, 2026, various Officers (those who were litigants in the case) were directed to be appointed as District and Sessions Judge in the Quota reserved for Direct Recruitment in the Kerala Higher Judicial Service. Such appointments shall be deemed to be with effect from 10th October, 2025 i.e. a day after the Constitution Bench has delivered the Judgement.

Hence, the Governor of Kerala on the recommendation of the High Court of Kerala has decided to appoint above two Judicial officers as District Judges.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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